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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2006, the term for response to which expires on November 4, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15 are canceled; claims 16 and 19 are amended, and claims 17, 18, 20 and 21 are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.